

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENSURING EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE OVER MONITORING ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I have always been a staunch defender of privacy and civil liberties. I voted against the Patriot Act and its extension in 2008 and 2011 because I feared it gave the federal government too much unchecked power over the rights of law abiding citizens and lacked effective oversight tools for Congress. Clearly I was proven right. Thankfully, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled that the NSA's program to collect telephone records in bulk under Section 215 of the Patriot Act is illegal. This was a big win for privacy and civil liberties advocates, but it is not the end of the fight. Given this decision, it is clear that Congress must do more to rein in unconstitutional intrusion into our personal lives. Unfortunately, today's bill fell short of those reforms.

H.R. 2048 is an improvement from the weakened bill that passed the House last year. However, it falls short of shutting the door on unrestrained government surveillance. The bill does nothing to address "backdoor" searches of U.S. citizens under Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act. This statute is possibly of more concern than the telephone records collected under Section 215. While Section 702 expressly prohibits the government from intentionally targeting the communications of U.S. persons, the NSA has applied an incredibly loose interpretation of this statute and used it to justify collecting not only communications records of U.S. citizens, but also the contents of communications, including email, social media messages, or web browsing history.

While this bill attempts to address bulk data collection under Section 215 of the Patriot Act, the NSA has an unscrupulous tendency to find loopholes in statute and twist the intent of Congress to fulfill their own wishes. I fear that given our past experience, this bill will undermine the Second Circuit's decision and create new legal loopholes for the NSA and law enforcement agencies to collect even more data on millions of Americans.

It is possible to gain information on potential terrorist threats while still protecting the privacy and freedom of American citizens, complying with the Constitution, and preserving adequate congressional and judicial oversight. The original version of the USA Freedom Act, introduced in 2013, balanced these priorities. The bill we considered today did not. I urge the Senate to make the needed reforms to this bill so that it bolsters the Second Circuit's decision and accomplishes the goal of once and for all ending mass government surveillance of law-abiding Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I voted against this re-vamped version of H.R. 36, the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act." This act is both dangerous and unconstitutional and violates the rights of women to an abortion. By allowing this act to become law, we are limiting the reproductive rights for all women in this nation.

H.R. 36 is blatantly unconstitutional, as it bans abortions after the twenty week mark. This bill is in clear violation of more than 40 years of Supreme Court precedent that protect women's access to abortion prior to viability—that is prior to twenty-four NOT twenty weeks.

This bill provides fake fixes that make it worse than the first version of this bill. This bill requires sexual assault victims seeking abortion services after twenty weeks to provide written proof that they obtained counseling or medical treatment for their sexual assault. This bill also requires a minor, who is an incest victim and who seeks abortion services after twenty weeks, to provide written proof that the crime was reported to law enforcement or a government agency.

Forcing sexual assault victims and minor incest victims to report their rape is bad enough, but this bill gets even more dangerous because it requires doctors who provide abortion services after twenty weeks to publicly disclose, to the government, the location of where care was provided. In light of Americans' easy access to guns and explosive materials, this provision would endanger many lives. This is a nightmare waiting to happen—a nightmare that I refuse to take part in supporting.

We cannot allow a woman's right to choose to be infringed upon by a minority of people in this nation. We cannot let them bully the rest of the country into accepting their worldview. I stand with women, which is why I opposed H.R. 36.

WATER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the month of May is Water Safety Awareness Month. Swimming and other water recreational activities are very popular among Americans of all ages. As the warm summer months approach, we should work to ensure the public is educated on the most up-to-date water safety practices so that these activities remain a safe way to exercise and enjoy recreation.

A local chapter of the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association is hosting a safe

swimming event in San Antonio, Texas, on May 16, 2015. This event will serve to educate 4th grade students at Baskin Elementary School on the importance of water safety and to teach them safe swimming practices. I want to recognize their efforts and encourage all Texans to learn about and follow proper water safety measures.

RECOGNIZING SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM FOR ITS 50TH YEAR OF HELPING COMBAT POVERTY IN PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) on the occasion of their 50th year of service to communities in Franklin and Adams counties in Pennsylvania.

Community Action Agencies, which were created to carry out the Community Action Program that was established by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, have been important assets in helping reduce the effects of poverty felt around the United States. First called the Adams County Community Action Agency, SCCAP has played a critical role in bringing these support services to the underserved community members of Franklin and Adams counties.

From its beginnings as an organization run out of a two-room office, the hard-working SCCAP staff and volunteers have earned federal grant funding and organized the communities they serve to enable them to better support those in need. Later expanded to provide services to Franklin County residents, SCCAP has undergone an impressive transformation as it has continued to aid countless handicapped and underprivileged citizens in its 50 years. Despite challenges and its many changes, one thing has always stayed the same: SCCAP has been committed to helping families and underserved individuals move out of poverty since its creation.

I am privileged to not only congratulate the South Central Community Action Program, an organization that serves more than 11,000 families in Franklin County, on its 50th anniversary, but also thank the tireless SCCAP staff and volunteers for their selfless and unrelenting commitment to making the communities in their region a better place.

EMS WEEK

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

recognize emergency medical services (EMS) providers across the nation as we celebrate the week of May 17 to 23, in recognition of their significant and heroic work. During EMS week, we show our gratitude to the EMS practitioners who aid our families, friends, and neighbors in their moments of need. For their unyielding dedication to serving their communities, EMS employees are to be commended.

In recognition of this week, numerous agencies throughout the community of Northwest Indiana have come together to establish the inaugural Regional EMS Conference, presented by Prompt Ambulance Service, which will take place on May 18, 2015. The goal of this conference is to encourage collaboration among EMS providers throughout the region in order to further the development of essential skills in the EMS community.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge several individuals who have dedicated their time and efforts to make this conference possible for the advancement of the medical community. I would like to recognize Ron Donahue—Prompt Ambulance Service; Jeff Zielinski—Prompt Ambulance Service; Christina Lopez—Methodist Hospital; Janene Gumz-Pulaski—Franciscan Alliance, Michigan City; Kelley Holdren—University of Chicago Aeromedical Network; Jake Messing—Saint Catherine Behavioral Health Services; Aaron Kochar—Porter Starke Services; Joseph Ferrandino—Indiana University Northwest; Thomas Bettenhausen—Community Hospital, District 1; Craig Felty—Indiana University Health; Tom Fentress—Methodist Hospital; David Cummins—Porter Regional Hospital; and Jana Marie Szostek—Indiana University Northwest, Indiana EMS Educator Workgroup.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring our EMS providers who dedicate their lives each day to ensuring the well-being and safety of our neighborhoods. Each member of the EMS family makes every effort to provide exceptional service by doing what is right for their patients, colleagues, and communities. Through their service to so many in need throughout Northwest Indiana and across the nation, EMS providers serve as an inspiration to us all, and they are worthy of the highest praise.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT ANITA MARIE SULLIVAN

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Senior Master Sergeant Anita Marie Sullivan, a native of East Syracuse, New York and currently a resident of Oneida, New York. Sergeant Sullivan has more than 38 years of military service with the United States Air Force and the New York Air National Guard. She has been decorated with numerous medals, awards, and service distinctions and will retire from military service on 1 July 2015. It is my honor to recognize such a distinguished citizen and airman.

Sergeant Sullivan was born Anita M. Mozo on 29 August 1957. She is a 1975 graduate of East Syracuse-Minoa High School. After graduating from high school, she worked full-

time at the Syracuse School of Automation and subsequently the Syracuse University Department of Geology as a receptionist.

Sergeant Sullivan began her military career in the United States Air Force in January 1977, enlisting in the New York Air National Guard, and left for Basic Military Training to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas on 1 April 1977. After graduating from Basic Military Training, she began her Air Force Technical Training as an Air Passenger Specialist at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Upon graduation from technical training in July 1977, she returned to Hancock Field Air National Guard Base as a Drill Status Guardsman in the Traffic Management Office, where she worked during monthly Unit Training Assembly weekends and also performed additional annual training to achieve her 3-skill level and 5-skill level as an Air Passenger Specialist, becoming the “go to” person on base for all airline reservations. While assigned to Hancock Field she met Master Sergeant William E. Dardis and married on 30 September 1978, becoming Sergeant Anita M. Dardis. In June 1979, she applied for and was subsequently hired as a full-time Air Technician as a GS-04 Clerk-Typist in the Supply Squadron.

In December 1979, then Sergeant Dardis was hired as a full-time Air Technician as a GS-05 Air Operations Specialist assigned to the 174th Operations Group, and began career field cross-training into the Airfield Management career field and received her 7-skill level in Air Force Specialty Codes 27171 and 27172. During her tenure in the 174th Operations Group, she participated in several unit deployments to include a two week Coronet Sail deployment as part of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Checkered Flag Exercise program to Lechfeld Air Base, Germany in 1981; two deployed Operational Readiness Inspections to Savannah, Georgia in 1982 and Volk Field, Wisconsin in 1986; and also participated in unit deployments to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida in 1983 and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona in 1982.

In 1982, Sergeant Dardis was assigned a position as the GS-07 Standardization/Evaluation Technician, and in 1983 began an Active Duty Title 32 tour as the Wing Standardization/Evaluation NCO. In 1989, Sergeant Dardis left her Active Duty position and transferred into the 174th Fighter Wing Safety Office as the Administrative NCO as a Duty Status Guardsman, which allowed her to spend more time at home with her two young children. In 1992 Sergeant Dardis attended the 7-level in-residence technical school for the 3A071 Air Force Specialty Course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, and earned the distinction of being named the class leader. She maintained her position in the Wing Safety Office until 1995. Sergeant Dardis performed additional duty at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base in 1990 and 1991 when the 174th Fighter Wing was called to Federal Active Service in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD and Operation DESERT STORM, backfilling various positions in the 174th Operations Group for NCO's who deployed with the aircrew package in support of the Persian Gulf War.

In Nov 1995, Sergeant Dardis was asked by the acting Wing and Vice Commanders to take the position of the Commander's Executive Assistant as a temporary technician. In March 1996, she was hired into the position as a permanent GS-06 Air Technician. In April 1999,

the position was upgraded to a GS-07 and advertised as an Active Guard/Reserve active duty position which she applied for and was hired for as the Executive Assistant to the Wing Commander. She served in this position working directly for Wing Commanders Colonel Robert A. Knauff from 1996 to 2003; Colonel Anthony Basile from 2003–2008; Colonel Kevin Bradley from 2008–2012; and for Colonel Greg Semmel from 2008 until her retirement on 1 July 2015.

In June 2006, Sergeant Dardis became a widow when her husband, Master Sergeant (Retired) William E. Dardis passed away unexpectedly. In January 2009, she remarried to Master Sergeant (Retired) John D. Sullivan and became Master Sergeant Anita M. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan retired from the 174th in 2003 and is currently employed at Hancock Field as a New York State employee as the Base Carpenter.

In 2007, Sergeant Sullivan completed the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Course. In 2010 she was reassigned to the military position of the Cyber Systems Superintendent and promoted to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. That same year she attended the Air Force Protocol Fundamentals Course at Maxwell AFB, Mississippi and was assigned the high profile additional duty as the 174th Fighter Wing Protocol Coordinator for high ranking distinguished visitor arrivals and numerous protocol events for the 174th Fighter Wing. During her tenure in this position, Sergeant Sullivan played an integral part in the planning and execution of countless high level Distinguished Visitor visits, numerous Change of Command Ceremonies, Wing Commander Farewell Receptions, Retirement Ceremonies, F-16 aircraft Farewell, F-86 aircraft static display dedication, Military Funerals, unit re-designation ceremony, as well as numerous community events involving the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and various Veteran's Service Organizations, and various other community organizations.

Sergeant Sullivan's military Decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; the Air Force Commendation Medal; and Air Force Achievement Medal. Her military service awards include the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters; the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters; the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star; the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with eight oak leaf clusters; the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with gold hourglass and mobilization “M” device; and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

Sergeant Sullivan also holds the following New York State awards and decorations: New York State Long and Faithful Service Award, with one gold and one silver device; the New York State Defense of Liberty Medal; New York State Medal for Merit with one silver shield device; New York State Recruiting Medal; New York State Exercise Support Ribbon; and the New York State Physical Fitness Ribbon with two silver shield devices.

In addition to the previously mentioned awards and decorations, Sergeant Sullivan was also named the 174th Fighter Wing's Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter in December 1984, and the 174th Fighter Wing's Outstanding Unit Career Advisor of the Quarter in July 1985.